. 2290 (Humphrey Bill)

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Establishes Joint Committee on National ecurity of 25 Members 5 study:

- (a) whether foreign, gomestic, and military olicies are being approriately integrated;
- (b) recommendations nd activities of NSC, mphasizing foreign olicy, goals, strategies nd alternatives;
- (c) classification and eclassification practices nd to recommend procedures be implemented.
- Requires yearly reports
 Congress.

Issues

Separation of powers and prerogatives of the President.

Comments

The bill would make Congress privy to the most sensitive activities of the National Security Council and the President's chief policy advisers in direct conflict with the prerogatives of the President.

The President might
circumvent the bill by avoiding
use of the NSC mechanism
where sensitive issues are
concerned, thus defeating the
original purpose for which
Congress established the NSC to assure the thorough integration
of policies relating to the national
security.

Although the Joint Committee would have no legislative jurisdiction, its sweeping investigative activities would conflict with the jurisdictional responsibilities of existing standing committees of the Congress.

The bill is directed solely at the National Security Council and CIA is not mentioned. Therefore, it is questionable whether it would be proper for the Agency, as a subordinate of the NSC, to offer substantive comment.

Status

Armed Services
Committee asked for
our comments 20 July.